

June 4, 2019

The Grant County Commission met at 8AM with Commissioners Buttke, Mach, Stengel, Street and Tostenson present. Chairman Stengel called the meeting to order. Motion by Mach and seconded by Buttke to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2019 meeting. Motion carried 5-0. Minutes filed. Motion by Buttke and seconded by Street to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Present from the public were David Meyer, Bobbie Bohlen, Dan Scoblic and Jay Gilbertson.

The Chairman called for public comment. Dan Scoblic addressed the commission on the time frame for road closures and alternate routes on the scheduled bridges projects by the Gertje-Van Lith American Legion. Supt Schultz responded the work on bridge 309-029 by Trapp's will begin the first week in July and possible be finished around September 6. The bridge by the Big Stone American Legion, 360-032 will be closed around August 1 with completion date of October 1. The third bridge, 352-030, by the Stamp Pit will have a one lane closure beginning June 17 and a full closure beginning August 5 with completion date of October 1.

**Highway:** Alban Twp Supervisor Dave Meyer requested approval to remove a bridge on 151<sup>st</sup> St between Section 13 and 24. They would like to replace the bridge with one 5' and one 8' culvert. The Township Supervisors are willing to hire a contractor. Dave reported the culvert upstream has two 10' culverts. The next two culverts downstream are a 5' and an 8' culvert. He has spoken with the landowner Jim Carlson concerning the change who has agreed with the plan of changing to culverts. If water does backup on the Carlson land it will go onto pasture land until the water recedes. The discussion continued on being consistent with the past practices of assisting the Township with bridge replacement, but Supt Schultz stated the law reads the County may replace not shall. Motion by Street to approve the Alban Twp Supervisors removing the bridge and installing a 5' and an 8' culvert with the County removing the structure, providing the culverts at an approximate cost of \$20,000 and providing the rip rap. Motion carried 5-0.

**Approach:** Auditor Layher reported she had not received any signed document from the landowner for the removal of the approach on the east side of the county road in Section 4 of Grant Center Township. Motion by Tostenson and seconded by Mach to move this item to the June 18 meeting. Motion carried 5-0. **Road Levy:** Auditor Layher provided information to the Commission of the Road and Bridge

Levy authorized under SDCL 10-12-13. The law states the Commission may levy an annual tax for the purpose of maintaining, repairing and construction of roads and bridges. The levy may not exceed ninety cents per thousand of value. The decision on adding the levy for 2020 would need to be done by July 15. A levy of twenty five cents per thousand of value would raise approximately \$254,414.12. **Roads:** Commissioner Street addressed the Commission on the inspection of the roads completed after the last meeting. He believes tiling sections of County Road 39 and other roads in the county would improve the condition including the soft spots. Supt Schultz states a majority of the soft spots can be repaired by scarifying the section of road or digging out and adding granite chips to stabilize the base. Discussion continued on the issue if tiling is a cost effective measure due to the number of miles the county maintains. Motion by Tostenson and seconded by Mach to begin a review at the June 18 meeting for options of creating a comprehensive plan for repairing and improving the road system with the consideration of raising taxes through the road and bridge levy. Motion carried 5-0.

**Economic Development:** Executive Director thanked the Commission for attending the annual meeting. The Board continues to work with a developer on the housing complex on the property east of St Williams. The Art Council has installed new art projects behind the Visitor Center with one metal art project located on Main Street.

**Drainage:** East Dakota Water District Manager Jay Gilbertson addressed the Commission on the drainage laws. Currently within the district he serves only three counties have a drainage ordinance in effect. Those counties are Grant, Deuel and Moody. Other counties have opted to remove their ordinance on drainage and other counties have never adopted an ordinance. He stated the purpose of his visit is to discuss the existing drainage permitting program with an intent to identify any possible changes or improvements to the provisions of SDCL 46A-10A that may enhance or improve the existing permit process. Discussion was held on case law, wetland determinations, lift pumps, sediments in the natural water ways, bank erosion, permit fees, compliance issues, liability issues, Waters of the US controlled by the US Army Corp of Engineers and a review of a graph of the release of water through tile. No action taken today, but Jay asked the Commission to review the ordinance and consider if any improvements could be made through legislation.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** Register of Deeds Becky Wellnitz reported on two new programs being added to her software from the software vendor Microfilm Imaging. The two programs are for balancing her book of business and a lien program. The monthly cost for the two programs will be \$135 with the fees being paid from the Register of Deeds Modernization Fund which is used for electronic improvements for her office.

**Correspondence:** The FY 2017 Distribution of VA Expenditures was provided by the VSO. The veteran population in the county is 554 with \$4,807,000 of expenses reported and compensation and pension reported amount of \$2,065,000.

**Claims:** Motion by Buttke and seconded by Street to approve the claims as presented. Motion carried 5-0. AUSTIN,HINDERAKER,HOPPER,STRAIT, court appt atty 360.45; AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION AND GEAR, parts & labor 2,041.84; AUTOVALUE, parts 235.20; AVERA QUEEN OF PEACE, DOT testing 282.20; BITUMINOUS PAVING INC, asphalt 140,774.40; BRENDA L HOLTQUIST, prof services 84.00; BUTLER MACHINERY, parts 1,461.34; CITY OF MILBANK, water & sewer 553.89; CITY OF WATERTOWN, 911 surcharge 6,422.61; CONSOLIDATED READY MIX, gravel 7,963.49; DELORIS J RUFER, lib rent 100.00; EQUIPMENT BLADES, supplies 2,850.00; GRANT CO SOIL CONSERVATION, allocation 12,000.00; GRANT-ROBERTS RURAL, water 44.80; GRANT/ROBERTS AMBULANCE, allocation 2,458.33; ITC, phone 1,038.01; ISTATE TRUCK CENTER, supplies 382.86; KIBBLE EQUIPMENT, parts & labor 1,089.02; KSE SPORTSMAN MEDIA, periodicals 36.00; LAKER CHEMICAL INC, asphalt 1,003.00; MAC'S INC, supplies 49.56; MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, scanner rent 472.00; MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATION, lib internet 90.53; MILBANK AUTO PARTS, supplies 765.89; MT LIBRARY SERVICES, books 48.00; NELSON LAW OFFICE, allocation 4,088.98; NORTHWESTERN ENERGY, natural gas 78.69; O'CONNOR COMPANY, parts 7.40; PETTY CASH, state lab 8.80; RDO EQUIPMENT CO, supplies 143.28; REGENCY-PIERRE, motel 472.96; RUNNINGS, supplies 508.53; SAFETY-KLEEN SYSTEMS, supplies 234.26; SCOTT R BRATLAND, court appt atty 4,901.30; SD ASSN CO COMM, 2<sup>nd</sup> qtr clerp 2,586.00; STATE OF SD, supplies 130.00; UPI PETROLEUM, diesel fuel 12,050.63; VALLEY RENTAL & RECYCLING, allocation 650.00; VALLEY SHOPPER, publishing 53.16; WITTROCK & SON, garbage service 192.50.  
TOTAL: 208,713.91.

Payroll for the following departments and offices for the month of May 2019 are as follows: COMMISSIONERS 5,260.60; AUDITOR 21,280.70; TREASURER

10,146.52; STATES ATTORNEY 11,664.54; CUSTODIANS 5,869.70; DIR. OF EQUALIZATION 7,189.22; REG. OF DEEDS 7,180.52; VET. SERV. OFFICER 1,397.50; SHERIFF 20,267.61; COMMUNICATION CTR 13,422.42; PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE 1,566.63; ICAP 721.35; VISITING NEIGHBOR 2,776.57; LIBRARY 12,815.62; 4-H 6,697.53; WEED CONTROL 3,887.63; PLAN & ZONING 1,950.00; ROAD & BRIDGE 54,828.84; EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 3,352.80. TOTAL: \$192,276.30.

Payroll Claims: FIRST BANK & TRUST, Fed WH 15,568.90; FIRST BANK & TRUST, FICA WH & Match 23,434.80; FIRST BANK & TRUST, Medicare WH & Match 5,480.74; AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE, AFLAC ins. 2,118.57; WELLMARK-BLUE CROSS OF SD, Employee and Commission health ins. 46,571.25; DEARBORN NATIONAL, life ins. 284.14; LEGAL SHIELD, deduction 88.65; OPTILEGRA, ins 401.04; SDRS SUPPLEMENTAL, deduction 3,295.00; SDRS, retire 20,849.46; COLONIAL LIFE INS, ins 98.67. TOTAL: \$118,191.22.

**Consent:** Motion by Mach and seconded by Tostenson to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

1. Approve automatic supplement \$20,587.91 to the EM Fund for the reimbursement of the purchase of radios through the 2018 Homeland Security Grant
2. Approve FY2020 WIC contract with SD Dept of Health in the amount of \$3224.00
3. Approve the 2019 list of weather spotters for work comp coverage as provided by EM Manager

It is the policy of Grant County, South Dakota, not to discriminate against the handicapped in employment or the provision of service.

The next scheduled meeting dates will be June 18 and July 2, 3(budget) and 16, 2019 at 8 AM. Motion by Tostenson and seconded by Mach to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned.

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Karen M. Layher, Grant County Auditor

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Doug Stengel, Chairman, Grant County Comm.